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1. Applicants' amendment filed February 25, 2010 has been fully considered; however, the amendment has not been entered given that it raises other new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

With respect to new issues, independent claim 1 has been amended to include a new limitation which states that the biodegradable polysaccharide contains at least one of acetyl cellulose and esterified starch. It is the examiner's position that this is a new issue since this combination was not presented before, i.e., claims dependent on 1 were not presented before with this combination. Therefore, the amendment would require further consideration and/or search.

As the amendment is not being entered, those of applicant's arguments with regard to overcoming the prior art rejections based on the possibility of entry of amendment are rendered moot.

It is noted that even if the amendment were to be entered, the presently claimed invention would still not be allowable. The current prior art teaches the use of cellulose or starch as the biodegradable polymer (Yamada, [0032]). However, a prior art search has revealed that acetyl cellulose is commonly used type of cellulose in biodegradable applications (Hayashi, Derwent Abstract of JP 11-228736, 1999) which gives favorable extrusion moldability (Hayashi, Abstract).

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Doris L. Lee whose telephone number is (571)270-3872.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 7:30 am to 5 pm and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571)272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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